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Sir:

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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-154995, published June 9, 1998 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-229401, published August 25, 1998 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-285168, published October 23, 1998 with English Abstract.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-32047, published February 2, 1999 with English Abstract.

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5. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-200533, published July 31, 1998 with English Abstract
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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